

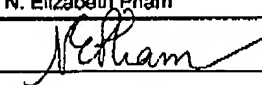
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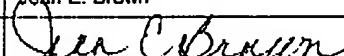
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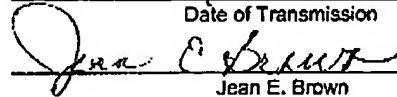
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Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated November 15, 2005, and respectfully request the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows.

Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin 16 on page of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 33 of this paper.